

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 are pending.

Claim 80 has herein been cancelled without prejudice by applicants.

CLAIMS:

Independent claims: 1, 25, 30, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 62 and 78;

TOTAL = 11

Multiply dependent claims: 68-72 (all depend from either 45 or 67);

73 (depends from 72);

74 (depends from 73);

75, 76 (depend from 74);

77 (depends from either 45 or 62);

TOTAL = 10 (equivalent to 20 dependent claims);

Dependent claims: 2-24 (depend from 1);

26-29 (depend from 25);

31-35 (depend from 30);

37, 38 (depend from 36);

42, 43 (depend from 41);

46-61 (depend from 45);

63-67 (depend from 62);

TOTAL = 58

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CONCLUSION

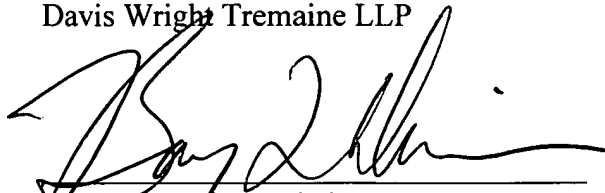
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, prior to substantive examination.

The Examiner is encouraged to phone applicant's attorney, Barry L. Davison, to resolve any outstanding issues.

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